JANARDHAN POOJARI); (a) and (b> Investment decision$_s$ have to be taken by parties having access to investible resources and with reference to their own investment criteria. It is difficult to assign any sp'cifi$_c$ reason for the slow respons© to the investment oppor! unities created in the country for OEDC parties. Suggestions or proposals received from OEDC investors regarding taxation and administrative regulations are considered on merits.

(c) and (d) Information will be laid on the Tab!$_e$ of the House.

(e) It j$_s$ not desirable $_t$o disclose details of current proposals at this stage.

(0 No change in the OEDC investment scheme is being considered by Government at 'his stage.

Agricultural Exports to WANA countries

2456. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR. Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased t$_0$ state.

(a) what was the item-wise value and quantity of agricultural exports including processed food from lndia to each of the West Asian and North African countries and Iran separately for each year from 1980-81 to 1984-85;

(b) what changes have been witnessed in respect of volume and products exported to these countries since 1980-81; and

(c) what ar$_e$ th$_e$ future prospects for agricultural exports to these countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA), (a) $_a$nd (b) Item-wise value and quantity of agricultural exports including processed foods f$_{r0}$m J-ndi$_a$ to each of th$_e$ West Asian and North African countries and Iran $_{are}$ available for the years 1980-81 and 1981-82 in the Publish, ed Statistics of Foreign Trade of India by the Directorate General of Commercials Intelligence and Statistics. Similar data fo$_r$ succeeding years has not been compiled and published.

(c) Reasonably good prospects exist for export °*t* agricultural commditie$_s$ to these countries.

AEPCS request for Liberal Import of Representation against merger of Luxmi

2457. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND i TEXTILES b$_e$ pleased to state. **1**

(a) whether it is a ^{fac}t that the Apparel Export Promotion Council (AE PC) has requested Government for liberal import of the lastest technology in textiles in order to compete with neigbouring cuntries; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEX-i TILES (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH); (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

2458. Transferred to rne 22nd August, 1985].

Representations against merger of Luxmi Commercial Bank with Canara Bank

2459. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE *he* pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have isceived several representations from the employees of the Luxmi Commercial Bank Limited, Delhi against the proposed merger of the Bank with that of Canara Bank;

(ln if su. what are the details thereof; and

ie) what action is being proposed iu view of the genuine grievances of all conceraed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI); (a) to (c) Government have received representations, including one from the employees of the Lakshmi Commercial Bank Limite!, New 1 Delhi, against the proposed amalgamation

of the Lakshmi Commercial Bank Limited, New Delhi with Canara Bank. Weighing all relevant factors, it has been decided to merge the Bank with Canara bank.

Payments of debts to NIC by NCCF

2460. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that th? NCCF (National Consumers Cooperative Fede-J ation) and its various constituents h.ive not been properly paying back lis debts to the N»tkmal Textile Corporate 1 Limited and its various subsidiaries agains: the supply bills;

(b) if so, what are the detail thereof;

(c) what is the total amount of outstanding dues payable by the National Consumers Cooperative Federation to National Textile Corporation Limited and its subsidiaries alongwith the details of money payable by other constituents of Ihe National Consumers Cooperative Federation; and

(d) what action is proposed to be taken hy Government to settle toe matter between the two organisations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINTSTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) to (c) The total outstanding due* payable by NCCF to NTC| Subsidiaries against the supply of controlled cloth as on 15-7-1985, as per the account books maintained by NTC ars given below:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

1. Basic ex-mill price (above 30 days) . .	602.45
2. Subsidy amount (withheld for period prior to 16-7-83) .	34.8 o5
3. Interest and other amount .	116.85
TOTAI, ...	1067.35

(d) Instructions have been issued for fettling these dues immediately. Curently the reconsiliation of accounts whore necessary is being carried out by the two wga-nisations.

Mass recruitment in NTC (WBABO)

2461. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES be pleased to si

(a) what progress has since b;;:; made regarding the inquiry into the questkmof mass recruitment by the present Hoard of Directors of the National Textile Corporation (WBABO) Limited. Calcuuu luring the period from July 1984 to November, 1984;

(b) whether it is a fact that Chief Managing director and Director (Personnel) have been involved in the matter; and

(c) if so, what action is being tiorAJS^d to be taken by Government to crnnsB the Board of Directors immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE CF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) to (c) The trainess have since been 'disengaged' and two 'ficers have been placed under suspension. Enquiry and investigation is proceedieg.

Proposa) for partial closure of 1H80O, Burnpur

2462. SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINIiS AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propo-; to close partially IISCO. Burnpur:

(b) if so, what are the reason- fol the same; and

(c) the extent to which it will affect the labour force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL (SHRE K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) <o (c) IISCO has been incurring heavy losses in the